



# The SBS International SELECTION Show

GESVES BELGIUM 28/02 > 02/03/2025

## 2025 REGULATIONS

## STALLION APPROVAL FOR BREEDING

### Before the Selection Show...

#### GENERAL RULES

The official SBS Studbook approval will take place on Friday 28th February, Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd March 2025 during the International Selection Show, at the Provincial Breeding and Riding School at B -5340 GESVES, rue du Haras, 16.

There will be two sections: Sport Horses with height higher or equal 1.58 m and Sport Ponies with height less or equal 1.48 m.

All presented stallion candidates must have an equine passport delivered by a recognized studbook member of the WBFSS (World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses) or any breeding association recognized by the Royal Society "the Belgian Sport Horse", or thoroughbred. This document shall allow the identification of the stallion and mention his pedigree including minimum three generations for Sport Horses and minimum two generations for Sport Ponies.

The subscription form is available on the Studbook SBS website at [www.sbsnet.be](http://www.sbsnet.be) ('Selection Show 2025' section).

The subscriptions' closing date for the 2025 official SBS stallion approval (= return of the subscription form completed) is Friday 31st January 2025.

The 3-year old stallions (all disciplines) and 4-year old stallions choosing free jumping must be on site by Friday 28th February 2025 at the latest between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. to undergo the vet's control, height measurement, entries confirmation and be allocated a stall for the duration of the stallion approval.

#### CONDITIONS TO PARTICIPATE AT THE SELECTION SHOW

All stallion candidates must obtain, **before the Selection Show:**

=> a favorable opinion from the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine of the University of Liège after analysis of a complete file: identity, X-rays and clinical examination report in accordance with the protocol available on the website [www.sbsnet.be](http://www.sbsnet.be) ('Veterinary Expertise' section).

The veterinary examination is an essential part of the selection

criteria for stallion approval. To simplify the process, the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine of the University of Liège relies on the professional work of its colleagues in the field.

The veterinary protocol and the X-rays in DICOM format (**mandatory**) must first be sent by the veterinarian to the SBS office by e-mail ([sbs@sbsnet.be](mailto:sbs@sbsnet.be)). An acknowledgement of receipt, together with the invoice for €100 excluding VAT, will be sent back to the stallion owner and the file forwarded to the Faculty as soon as payment has been received. After each reading session, **the SBS will communicate the decision taken by Ulg** to each stallion owner, who will be able, in the event of a favorable answer, to register for the expertise. We have agreed with the faculty to group the analysis of the files into 4 reading sessions:

- 30 November for files received before 20/11,
- 19 December for files received between 20/11 and 9/12,
- 15 January for files received between 9/12 and 5/1,
- 27 January for files received between 5/1 and 17/1.

=> a favorable opinion from the Approval Commission concerning the evaluation of the registration file: analysis of the pedigree, performances of the ascendants and collaterals, ... according to the following conditions:

For the 5-year-old stallion candidate, the sport performances obtained at age 4 shall be communicated if they exist.

At the age of 6- or 7-year-old, the stallion candidate must meet the sporting criteria described in the table below. (sport evaluation)

At the age of 8-year-old or older, the stallion candidate shall justify remarkable offspring in Belgium or abroad, or shall testify of sport performances of a very good level in Belgium or abroad, as follows:

- in "Jumping" option: placings in national and international events of 1.40 m and higher,
- in "Dressage" option: at least one score of 74% in a Prix Saint-Georges,
- in "Eventing" option: at least two placings in M level (1.10m).



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### VACCINATION

To improve the health status of the stallion candidates and to reduce the risk of disease transmission as much as possible, the SBS Studbook reinforces the vaccination obligations of the stallion candidates.

#### General conditions :

- All vaccinations must be provided by a veterinarian.
- The passport's vaccination section must be completed, dated, and signed by the veterinarian.
- The SBS Studbook makes vaccinations against equine influenza and rhino-pneumonia (EHV 1-4) mandatory for the Selection Show's stallion candidates.
- In case of non-compliance with the vaccination requirements, the SBS Studbook may take an appropriate decision regarding the participation of the stallion candidate to the Selection Show.
- If the stallion candidate shows symptoms of illness in the 40 days preceding the Selection Show (temperature, coughing, discharge, diarrhea, swelling of the lymph nodes, etc.), he must notify the SBS Studbook. A report from the veterinarian may be requested.

#### 1° Vaccination against the equine flu (influenza)

##### a) recommended protocol :

- A primary vaccination consisting of 2 injections spaced 21 to 92 days apart.
- A first booster within the 7 months after the second injection of the primary vaccination and a booster every 6 months.

##### b) conditions of admission to the Selection Show :

- All stallion candidates attending the Selection Show must be vaccinated against equine influenza.
- The candidate must have received at least the first vaccination (2 injections).
- In case of primary vaccination, the second injection must have been administered at least 7 days before the Selection Show.
- In case of a semi-annual booster, the injection must have been given between 21 days and 6 months before the Selection Show.

#### 2° Vaccination against equine herpesvirus 1-4 (rhino-pneumonia)

##### a) recommended protocol :

- A primary vaccination consisting of 2 injections spaced 28 to 42 days apart.
- A booster every 6 months.

##### b) conditions of admission to the Selection Show :

- All stallion candidates attending the Selection Show must be vaccinated against rhino-pneumonia.
- The stallion candidate must have received at least the first vaccination (2 injections).
- In case of primary vaccination, the second injection must have been administered at least 21 days before the Selection show.
- In case of a semi-annual booster, the injection must have been given between 21 days and 6 months before the Selection Show.





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### During the Selection Show...

#### PRESENTATION OF THE STALLION CANDIDATE

	JUMPING	DRESSAGE	PLANNING
<b>Stallion candidates of 3 years</b>	Model and gait + loose jumping	Model and gait + free presentation	Must be present from Friday to Sunday
<b>Stallion candidates 4 years old Loose jumping option</b>	Model and gait + loose jumping		Ditto
<b>Stallion candidates 4-year-old</b>	Model and gait + jumping under saddle ( jump line )	Model and gait + presentation under the saddle	Sunday presence
<b>Stallion candidates 5 years and older</b>	Model and gait + jumping under saddle ( jump course)	Model and gait + presentation under the saddle	Ditto

In the "Jumping" option, only the forelegs may be protected for loose jumping and jumping under the saddle.

In the "Dressage" option, all the stallion candidates are presented in hand and/or loose presentation without leg protection, whatever their age. For the presentation under the saddle of the 4-year-old and older stallion candidates, white bandages are allowed.

For the wellness of the stallion candidate or in order to refine its judgment, the jury has the right to take decisions they consider being useful: reduce the height or the width of the jump, interrupt or postpone the presentation, request additional jumps, ...

Any person accompanying the horse on the track must wear a helmet and SBS clothing (jeans and SBS sweatshirt).

#### EVALUATION

Model/gaits' evaluation : 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 stars



Sport aptitude's evaluation (jumping or dressage): 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 stars



The stallion candidate shall obtain at least three stars in each evaluation to be granted its first approval.

During in-hand presentation, leg protections are not allowed.

Horseshoes are allowed, including for the 3-year-old stallion candidates.

Only snaffle bits are admitted for the 3-, 4- and 5-year-old stallions. For stallions of 6-year-old and above, double bridle bits are allowed.

#### SEARCH FOR PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

At the end of the Selection Show, a few stallions will be randomly selected for an anti-doping control.

These stallions will immediately be escorted to a dedicated stall. A biological sample (urine and blood) will be carried out by a veterinarian appointed by the SBS Studbook. A delay period of thirty minutes will be respected for the collection of urine. The stallion owner cannot refuse to submit his stallion for this sample collection.

The samples will be analyzed in a recognized laboratory for control of the use of prohibited substances.

The list of prohibited substances and evaluation norms determined in the FEI regulations is applied.

The presence of prohibited substances will lead to a cancelation of the stallion approval.



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#### SPORT EVALUATION

The sporting performance requirements for stallions with a view to maintaining their approval are as follows :

**3 years:** Approved three-year-old stallions have no sporting obligations.

**4 years:** Regardless of the option chosen at the time of the appraisal (loose jumping or under saddle), effective participation in a minimum of 3 official events in national and regional competitions for young horses in 2025 is compulsory.

**5, 6 and 7 years:** The (compulsory) sporting performances are defined in the following table :

	SPORT HORSES	SPORT PONIES
<b>JUMPING</b> 	<b>5, 6 and 7 years old :</b> <b>It is compulsory to Complete 5 courses</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>in official events reserved exclusively for young horses, such as the national classic cycle for young horses, the winter stallion competition, the CSI 'Young Horses', the national and world championships for young horses.</li> <li>in official events not exclusively reserved for young horses. Only official events of a level equivalent to that of events reserved for young horses will be considered, with minimum heights of 1.15 m for 5-year-olds, 1.25 m for 6-year-olds and 1.35 m for 7-year-olds.</li> </ul>	<b>5, 6 and 7 years old :</b> <b>It is compulsory to complete 5 courses</b> in official national, regional or international competitions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 5 years (1m)</li> <li>- 6 years (1,10m)</li> <li>- 7 years (1,20m)</li> </ul>
<b>DRESSAGE</b> 	<b>5, 6 and 7 year olds :</b> <b>At least 4 competitions in official national 'Young Horse' events.</b>	<b>5 years :</b> <b>At least 4 competitions in level 2 L events</b>  <b>6 and 7 year-olds :</b> <b>At least 4 competitions in the specific level 3 pony events MP3/MP4 level 3</b>
<b>EVENTING</b> 	<b>5, 6 and 7 years :</b> <b>Achievement of two placings in official national, regional or international competitions.</b>	<b>5, 6 and 7 years</b> <b>Achievement of two placings in official national, regional or international competitions</b>

#### Deliberation

The Commission for Approval of Stallions is sovereign to the interpretation and application of the current regulations.